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INDICATIONS for the South Atlantic states, taken at 1 a. m. Fair weather followed by local rains; wind shifting to southerly; stationary temperature and lower barometer. East Gulf states: Local rains; southerly winds, becoming variable and generally colder.

The fact that Mahometism is on its last legs in Virginia, is causing some great national republicans to feel weak-kneed.

The republican theory is that a southern man is loyal to the union until he announces that he is a rogue by joining the republican party.

A little earthquake in Sandersville last Saturday, shows that Georgia is not so far behind in any great extent when convulsions are occurring.

It is announced that the administration is about to appoint another democrat to office somewhere in Ohio. This ought to show that civil service reform is a remarkable thing.

According to John Sherman, the only way to keep John McLean out of the senate was to declare that the people of the south are builders and assassins. Evidently Ohio is full of funny people.

The great editorial statement of the west has already announced that the democrats in Ohio were defeated because Hoar is ready to discuss the tariff. And yet, the tariff issue in a state campaign would be about as foolish and as absurd as the bloody issue.

The Election Messenger appears to think that the Constitution is engaged in abusing the recent legislature. This, however, is a mistake. We merely gave a brief glance at its record. The record shows that the legislature was not a great one, though it had a number of good men in it.

Now that the people of Cincinnati have announced at the hotel-box that they believe everything John Sherman has said about the south, it seems as if a pretty brisk trade ought to spring up. Surely the southern assassin cannot refrain from trading with those who compliment him so vigorously.

The failure of Mammox to stop the spread of smallpox is in decided contrast with the experience of Atlanta. In this city, when an epidemic seemed imminent, the authorities took hold of the matter and vaccinated everybody in a very short time. In this they were backed by public sentiment. The result was that smallpox was literally stamped out.

FIGHTING TAMMANY. It has been stated over and over again, in print and out of print, by persons who are close enough to the administration to be well informed, that Mr. Cleveland would take no hand in the political struggle in New York state, beyond bidding a very hopeful God speed to the democratic party. This has been insisted on so strenuously as to excite comment, and some very good democrats have seen fit to protest against a declaration which implied an attitude of neutrality. These democrats claim, and with something like reason, that President Cleveland owes it to the party whose principles he professes to desire to see put in operation, to give the democrats in New York all the assistance they are entitled to expect from Washington, and they protest against the neutrality of the administration.

But, it appears, there is another side to the story. The telegraphic dispatches announce, by what authority we know not, that Mr. Cleveland proposes to make the present campaign in New York the occasion for opening an aggressive war on Tammany. According to these dispatches, the administration, while it is to be comparatively neutral in the contest between the democratic factions, and in furtherance of that purpose, will assist the democratic party in crushing out Tammany. There may be nothing in the situation to give rise to such statements, but if they are true, it is idle to expect a democratic victory in New York state. Tammany desires harmony, but it cannot be crushed out even by the administration, and if there is to be a faction fight in New York city, there can be but one result—a republican victory.

It has been demonstrated until a demonstration is no longer necessary, that Tammany is an essential part of the democratic party of New York and that the vote it controls is sufficient to bring either victory or defeat to the party.

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The trouble with persons who want to know that they are "educated" is that they seek to be commanders-in-chief at once. Vacancies are not in the ranks. In life promotion is almost always made from those who can earn as private soldiers. It is easy to meet at "drudgery." In every career, even the highest, toil over details takes the most time, makes the heaviest drain on energies. In the sharp competition, which our country feels now more than ever before, the man who is willing to work with his hands, to master details and attend to them personally, in short, to engage in "drudgery," who will find employment and promotion and their due rewards. Education, however thorough, does not relieve anybody from the duties which devolve on our common humanity.

The young man who does not bother himself about the opportunities at the top, but hustles

